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BEGIN SUMMARY: PRIMIN GANDHI'S INTERVIEW WITH NEWSWEEK FOREIGN EDITOR KLEIN AND HONG KONG BUREAU CHIEF JENKINS CONTAINED MATERIAL IN FAR EAST EDITION WHICH DID NOT APPEAR IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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U.S. DOMESTIC EDITION. TRANSCRIPT OF PRIMIN'S REMARKS CON-

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TAINED LENGTHY MATERIAL WHICH DID NOT APPEAR IN EITHER EDITION. FOLLOWING IS BALANCE OF RELEVANT GANDHI QUOTES FROM INTER-VIEW TRANSCRIPT PROVIDED BY KLEIN, AND SHOULD BE READ WITH NEWSWEEK DOMESTIC EDITION. END SUMMARY.

1. DOMESTIC EDITION CONTAINED ITEMS TITLED "ON A POSSIBLE COUP" AND "THE PROBLEM OF AID" WHICH DID NOT APPEAR IN FAR EAST EDITION.

2. FAR EAST EDITION CONTAINED FOLLOWING MATERIAL NOT IN DOMESTIC EDITION TITLED "ON THE GREEN REVOLUTION". PM SAID "THE PHRASE 'GREEN REVOLUTION' IS NOT OF OUR COINING AND IT IS NOT AT ALL OF INDIAN ORIGIN. WE HAVE NEVER CLAIMED THAT WHAT WAS CALLED THE GREEN REVOLUTION PERMEATED ALL SECTORS OF AGRICULTURE OR THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. ALTHOUGH THE PATCHES OF GREEN ARE INCREASING, WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE VERY LARGE PATHCES OF BROWN. BUT IT IS UNDENIABLE THAT THERE HAS BEEN VERY GREAT INCREASE IN OUR FOOD PRODUCTION. OUR WHEAT PRODUCTION HAS TREBLED SINCE THE EARLY FIFTIES AND THE PHRASE, THE GREEN REVOLUTION, WAS MAINLY WITH REGARD TO WHEAT. THIS IS A (LONG) PROCESS, NOT A SHORT, DRAMATIC EVENT. AS YOU KNOW, THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION IN ENGLAND TOOK OVER SEVENTY YEARS."

3. UNDER TITLE "ON CORRUPTION OF CAPITALISM," PM SAID "A POLITICIAN MAY OR MAY NOT BE CORRUPT BUT THE SYSTEM OF BUSINESS HERE ITSELF IS A CORRUPT ONE. I THINK IT'S VERY DIFFICULT FOR ANYBODY TO BE IN BUSINESS AND NOT BE CORRUPT. ALL THE TIME YOU ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF SOMEBODY AND IT DOES NOT MATTER IF IN THE PROCESS YOU DESTROY THAT PERSON OR HIS BUSINESS OR ANYTHING. YOUR WHOLE MOTIVE IS ONE PURELY OF PROFIT-MAKING AND ANYTHING YOU DO THAT HELPS YOU TO MAKE PROFITS IS JUSTIFIED. THIS IS WHAT IS CORRUPT. I THINK THAT THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM IS CERTAINLY A CORRUPT ONE. I DON'T KNOW HOW IT WORKS IN OTHER PLACES BUT THIS IS WHAT WE HAVE LARGELY HERE."

4. FOLLOWING MATERIAL FROM MRS. GANDHI'S TRANSCRIPT DID NOT APPEAR IN EITHER EDITION.

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ON US RELATIONS: "OUR EFFORTS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN (TOWARD) HAVING GOOD RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES...BUT SO FAR AS AID IS CONCERNED YOU KNOW THAT A UNILATERAL ACTION WAS TAKEN. SO THIS IS Q QUESTION (IN) WHICH WE ARE NOT FOR OR AGAINST AID. IT JUST HAPPENED THAT THE NEEDS OF THAT TIME AND SITUATION AND WHAT ARE THE TERMS. (SIC) IT WOULD BE RATHER INVIDIUOUS TO SINGLE OUT INDIVIDUALS. WE DIDN'T HAVE A MISUNDERSTANDING. OUR POSITION WAS EXACTLY THE SAME AS

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IT WAS. WE WERE FRIENDLY. WE WANT TO REMAIN FRIENDLY.
WE DID NOTHING TO AFFECT THAT FRIENDSHIP, SO FAR AS WE
COULD SEE. CERTAIN THINGS HAPPENED, HISTORIC EVENTS, TO WHICH
THEY GAVE A DIFFERENT READING, BECAUSE INDIA'S INTENTIONS
HAVE ALWAYS BEEN FRIENDLY...FRIENDSHIP IS BASED ON MUTUAL
INTEREST, OR A SIMILARITY OF APPROACH ON CERTAIN MATTERS.
NOW WITHIN THAT, NATURALLY IF YOU ARE HELPING ONE ANOTHER
IN MORE TANGIBLE FORMS, THAT MAY HELP MORE BUT THIS TENDENCY
TO LOOK ONLY AT THIS AS DENOTING FRIENDSHIP I THINK IS
VERY WRONG. WE EXPECT FROM DR. KISSINGER'S VISIT A
GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF INDIA. WE DON'T THINK THAT YOU
SHOULD TAILOR YOUR POLICIES TO OUR INTEREST. BUT THE US
SOMETIMES LOOK AT IT FROM THAT POINT OF VIEW. (FOR INSTANCE,
WHY DID INDIA SPEAK UP ABOUT VIETNAM? THAT WAS SOMETHING
WE FELT VERY STRONGLY ABOUT.) SO WE HAVE ALWAYS SPOKEN UP
ABOUT THOSE THINGS. BUT THERE ARE SOME OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS.
PERHAPS WE CAN SORT THEM OUT ALSO WHEN DR. KISSINGER COMES."

NUCLEAR EXPLOSION: "I DON'T THINK (RELATIONS) SHOULD BE
(AFFECTED BY THE NUCLEAR EXPLOSION) BECAUSE AS YOU KNOW WE
ESTABLISHED OUR NUCLEAR ENERGY DEPARTMENT ABOUT TWENTY
YEARS AGO AND THIS, WHAT HAPPENED SATURDAY, IS A CONTINU-
ATION OF THEIR WORK OF RESEARCH. WE HAVE STATED VERY
CLEARLY... I WOULD
LIKE TO REITERATE MY ASSURANCE, SPECIALLY TO OUR NEIGHBORS BUT TO
EVERYBODY, THAT WE INTEND TO CONTINUE USING THIS POWER AS WE
HAVE OUR PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE OF ATOMIC KNOWLEDGE FOR PEACEFUL
PURPOSES. WE ARE TODAY USING IT FOR AGRICULTRUAL PURPOSES.... 6
FOR POWER BECAUSE WE HAVE SEVERAL POWER STATIONS, AND ALSO IN
MIDICINE, TO NAME A FEW ITEMS. (THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
A NUCLEAR COUNTRY AND A NUCLEAR-WEAPON COUNTRY.) THERE IS A
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO. WELL, I DON'T SEE WHY THEY SHOULD
VIEW US DIFFERENTLY, BECAUSE WE HAVE DEMONSTRATED TIME AND
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AGAIN THAT WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN EXTREMELY RESTRAINED AND WE HAVE
ALWAYS TRIED TO CONSIDER (CONSULT) OTHER PEOPLES POINTS OF VIEW
AND SO ON. I KNOW YOU SAY THAT BECAUSE OF THAT WE SHOULD'T
DEVELOP AT ALL, BUT FOR A COUNTRY OF INDIA'S SIZE WE SIMPLY CAN'T
BE TECHNOLOGICALLY DEPENDENT ON OTHER COUNTRIES. I DOUBT WHETHER
IT WILL MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE. I WOULD LIKE HERE TO SAY HOW WE
ARE MISUNDERSTOOD OR SOMETIMES MIS-REPRESENTED
OUTSIDE. SOME SUCH QUESTION WAS ASKED (ABOUT PRESTIGE). I AM
NOT VERY BOTHERED BY PRESTIGE. I THINK OUR RESTRAINT AND THE
MANNER IN WHICH WE BEHAVED AFTER OUR LAST WAR IN 1971 WAS IN
A VERY GANDHIAN TRADITION. WE IMMEDIATELY HAD A UNILATERAL
CEASEFIRE. WE RETURNED THE LANDS WHICH WE HAD TAKEN, INSPITE
OF THE FACT THAT THESE WERE NOT POPULAR STEPS. THERE WAS
CONSIDERABLE RESENTMENT THAT IS STILL VOICED IN PARLIAMENT FROM
TIME TO TIME. AND WE TOOK ALL THE INITIATIVES FOR PEACE. AFTER

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THE VICTORY IT IS NOT NORMAL FOR A COUNTRY AS WE SEE IN HISTORY
TO IMMEDIATELY AFTEERWARDS NOT STAND ON PRESTIGE AND SO FORTHE.
BUT WE DID BECAUSE WE REALIZED THAT WHAT WAS MORE IMPORTANT WAS
THAT THERE SHOULD BE FRIENDSHIP AMONG ALL THE COUNTRIES OF THE
SUB-CONTINENT FOR WHICH WE HAVE BEEN TRYING FOR MANY YEARS AND
WHICH WE CONTINUE TO BE TRYING. WE HAVE SCIENTISTS AND NATURALLY
THEY WANT TO KNOW AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE ABOUT WHAT OTHER SCIENTISTS
KNOW. I THINK IT WAS A VERY CREDIBLE ACHIEVENEMT ON THIER PART.

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AS I CONSIDER WE HAVE NOT DONE IT ALL FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF INCREASING OUR POWER OR OF HAVING OUR OWN NUCLEAR WEAPONS, BUT IT IS PURELY TO SEE HOW MUCH CAN BE USED FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES AND IF, AS WE BELIEVE, THIS HAS BEEN A VERY CLEAN EXPERIMENT THEN IT CAN BE OF VERY GREAT USE TO MINING AND
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ENGINEERING."

AMERICAN INVESTMENT AND AID: " IF THE CONDITIONS WHICH WE HAVE FORMULATED ARE AGREEABLE TO THEM (US INVESTORS) WHY SHOULD WE MAKE A DISTICNTION BETWEEN AMERICANS AND OTHERS? BUT WE HAVE ALLOWED FOREIGN INVESTMENT WHICH GREATLY HELPS EXPORTS ... I AM NOT SURE WHETHER THIS HAS GONE THROUGH OR IS STILL IN THE REALM OF THINKING... OF ALLOWING FOREIGN INVESTMENT WHICH GREATLY HELPS EXPORTS -- WHATEVER CAN BE EXPORTED AND BRING GOOD RETURNS TO THE COUNTRY".

"(ON AID) MY IMPRESSION IS THAT IT IS THE AMERICANS WHO ARE BROWNED OFF ABOUT GIVING AID .. WE HAD NO OBJECTION (TO VERY LIMITED AID RESUMPTION) BECAUSE WE DIDN'T ASK THEM TO STOP IT. I DON'T THINK THE US IS TOO KEEN ON THE AID AND AS I SAID WE HAVE GOT OUR OWN CONDITIONS BECAUSE AS WE INCREASE OUR OWN KNOWLEDGE AND CAPACITY WE DNO'T WANT THAT SAME TYPE OF HELP FROM OUTSIDE. WHAT WE CAN DO OURSELVES WE DON'T (WANT FROM OUTSIDE). IF WE CAN PRODUCE A MACHINE HERE, EVEN IF IT MAY TAKE A LITTLE LONGER OR MAY NOT BE AS GOOD AS WHAT IS AVAILABLE OUTSIDE WE THINK IT IS PREFERABLE TO USE OUR OWN. OF COURSE IF IT DOESN'T DO THE JOB WE ARE WILLING TO IMPORT. WE ARE NOT RIGID ABOUT THIS THING IN THAT SENSE. BECAUSE WHAT HAS TO BE SEEN CONSTANTLY IS THE NATIONAL INTEREST IN TODAY'S CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH, ECONOMICALLY SPEAKING, IS DIFFICULT."

CHINA AND THE SOVIET UNION: "ON RELATIONS IN THE AREA, WE ARE IN (FAVOR OF) FRIENDSHIP BUT IT HAS TO BR RECIPROCATED. IT SEEMS TO US THAT THEY (CHINA) MAKE A LOT OF EXCUSES. FIRST THEY TALK OF THE PRISONERS OF WAR, THEN THEY SAID THERE WERE 195 THEN THEY RAISED THE BOGEY OF THE SOVIET UNION, BUT IT SEEMS TO US THAT THESE WERE ALL EXCUSES. IF THEY WANTED TO HAVE BETTER RELATIONS THAN THEY COULD GO AHEAD, IT SEEMS (CHINA'S CONCERN WITH THE SOVIET UNION) IS OVERDONE TO ME. THE SPECIAL RELATION-SHIP (WITH THE SOVIET UNION) DOESN'T COME IN THE WAY OF FRIENDSHIP WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, WHICH THE SOVIET UNION IS PERFECTLY AWARE OF. YOU KNOW I AM ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO EXPECTATIONS IN THAT SENSE OF THE WORD. WE ARE FRIENDLY WITH THEM. THEY HAVE HELPED US I WANT TO SAY WE ARE NOT AT ALL DEPENDENT (ON THE SOVIET UNION). WE ARE, SO FAR AS ARMS ARE CONCERNED. WE HAVE BEEN DIVERSIFYING OUR ARMS PURCHASES. IT IS TRUE THAT WE GET MORE FROM THE SOVIET UNION, MERELY BECAUSE THEIR TERMS ARE MORE

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SUITABLE. IF SOMEBODY ELSE WERE GIVING MORE SUITABLE TERMS
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PERHAPS THEN WE COULD .... BUT WE DON'T THINK THAT IT IS A THREAT
IF WE TAKE MORE FROM THEM OR FROM SOMEBODY ELSE. (ARMS FROM
US?) WELL, IT DEPENDS WHAT THE WEAPONS ARE AND IF THEY ARE
USEFUL TO US AND SO ON. I WOULDN'T SAY THAT I DON'T TAKE THEM
MERELYBECAUSE THEY ARE MADE IN THE US".
INDIAN ECONOMY AND ARAB OIL PRICE: " HOW MANY COUNTRIES
ARE THERE IN THE WORLD TODAY WHERE THE CHARGE HAS NOT BEEN MADE
OF ECONOMIC MISMANAGEMENT? I CAN'T THINK OF A SINGLE ONE
EXCEPT THOSE ABOUT WHICH WE JUST HAVE NO NEWS AT ALL. SO IT
IS NOT THAT WE HAVE NOT MADE MISTAKES. WE HAVE MADE MISTAKES
AND WHEN YOU ARE FACED WITH SUCH A GIGANTIC PROBLEM ... AGAIN
I WOULD SAY IS THERE ANY OTHER COUNTRY WHICH IS FACED OR IS FACING
PROBLEMS OF THIS SCALE? SO WE HAVE MADE MISTAKES ... BUT I
THINK IT WOULD BE WRONG TO SAY THAT THIS IS THE ENTIRE EXPLANATION.
(THE ARAB OIL PRICE HIKE)HAS OF COURSE AFFECTED MANY OF OUR PRICES
(ANDCREATED DIFFICULTIES) AND OF COURSE (WE ARE CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE).

THAT IS, WE ARE NOT DEVELOPED ENOUGH TO HAVE THE RESOURCES
TO NOT BOTHER ABOUT PRICES AND YET WE ARE DEVELOPED ENOUGH TO
BE CONCERNED ABOUT SHORTAGES OF OIL. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT
(WE SUPPORT THE ARAB CAUSE -- WE CONSIDER IT JUST, AND WE ALSO
VERY STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THE COUNTRIES THAT PRODUCE RAW MATERIALS
MUST GET BETTER PRICES). I MEAN WE HAVE BEEN EXPLOITED OVER
HUNDREDS OF YEARS. WE SUPPORT (THE PRICE HIKE) IN THE SENSE THAT
WE FEEL THAT WE WERE BEING EXPLOITED BEFORE. IT IS ONLY RIGHT THEY
SHOULD TRY TO GET WHAT THEY CONSIDER THEIR RIGHT PRICE. BUT WE
ARE SUFFERING BECAUSE OF IT."
DOMESTIC SCENE: "THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO SHIFT IN MY
POLICIES. POLICY CANNOT BE DIVORCED FROM THE CONDITIONS OR
CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH WE ARE FUNCTIONING. IF A SITUATION
ARISES, AND OUR URGENT NEED IS FOR GREATER PRODUCTION NOW,
AT THAT MOMENT I SAY I AM NOT GOING TO ALLOW IT FOR WHATEVER
REASONS, WELL, I DON'T THINK IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE COUNTRY.
BUT THERE MAY COME A MOMENT WHEN I FEEL PRODUCTION IS GOING ON
ALL RIGHT AND ... EVEN NOW WE HAVE TO PUT CURBS ON BUSINESSES.
THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO EXPAND JUST FOR THE SAKE OF EXPANSION.

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THEY ARE EXPANDING IF THEY CAN EXPORT, THEY EXPAND IF THEY GO ON AN AREA WHICH DOESN'T HAVE ANY INDUSTRY, WHERE NOBODY ELSE IS WILLING TO PUT UP AN INDUSTRY MMM SO THERE ARE VERY DEFINITE CONDITIONS. I AM FACING A TREMENDOUS CHALLANGE AND I THINK ALL I CAN DO IS TRY TO HELP THE NATION TO BE ABLE TO FACE IT AND OVERCOME THE OBSTACLES WHICH ARE NOW IN ITS PATH. I AM NOT AT ALL, HONESTLY, THINKING ABOUT A LEGACY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS AND SO ON. WE
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HAVE TO LOOK AFTER OUR OWN. I DO THINK OF THE FUTURE, BECAUSE UNLESS WE MANAGE THE PRESENT THERE WILL BE NO FUTURE. I DON'T THINK ANYBODY WOULD WANT TO CHOOSE TO HAVE A BURDEN OF THIS KIND. (ON A POSSIBLE COUP) HOW WILL A DICTATORSHIP COPE WITH INDIA'S PROBLEM? YOU SEE AT THE BASIS OF EVERY PROBLEM IS THE

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HUMAN BEING. AND IN ANY COUNTRY, IN A SMALLER COUNTRY IT IS
EASIER TO HAVE A DICTATORSHIP BECAUSE YOU CAN HAVE FAR STRONGER
CONTROL. BUT I THINK THAT FOR THE VERY REASONS THAT YOU MENTION
AS BEING DIFFICULT FOR DEMOCRACY I WOULD SAY THEY ARE DOUBLY
DIFFICULT FOR A DICTATORSHIP . HOW WOULD YOU HOLD A PEOPLE TOGETHER?
EITHER YOU HAVE A SORT OF SYSTEM THAT CHINA HAD BUT HAD FROM THE
BEGINNING -- NOW IT WOULD MEAN -- IT THINK IT WOULD PUT THE COUNTRY
BACK VERY MUCH".

THE RAIL STRIKE. "NO , I DON'T THINK WE HAVE CHANGED OUR
LABOR POLICY AGAINST STRIKES. AT THIS MOMENT, WITH THE
DIFFICULTIES IN FOOD AND ASSORTED COMMODITIES, WHAT DOES A
RAILROAD STRIKE MEAN? WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES TO MILLIONS
OF OTHER PEOPLE LIVING IN ALL PARTS OF INDIA, BUT MORE ESPECIALLY
IN THE REMOTER PARTS? IT MEANS THAT FOOD MOVEMENTS, MOVEMENTS
OF COAL TO INDUSTRY, AND MANY OTHER ESSENTIALS WOULD BE AFFECTED.
WE CANNOT AFFORD (IT) ... JUST AS WE FEEL THAT IN THE INTERNATIONAL
SPHERE IT IS NOT RIGHT THAT THE RICHER NATIONSSHOULD GET THE BEST
OF EVERY SITUATION ... SIMILARLY, WE FEEL THAT THOSE WHO ARE
COMPARATIVELY BETTER OFF CANNOT KEEP ON DEMANDING MORE UNTIL
WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO BRING UP THE LOWER STRATA...

" SOME PEOPLE DID NOT WANT THAT THERE SHOULD BE A
SETTLEMENT, AND THEY WANTED TO AGGRAVATE THE SITUATION, WHICH
WOULD NOT BE IN THE INTERESTS OF THE RAILWAYS OR, AS I SAID, THE
OTHERS. AND I THINK THIS WAS THE REASON, NOT ANY GOVERNMENT
CRACKDOWN, FOR THE TOTAL STRIKE NOT HAVING CAUGHT ON. IN FACT, OUT
OF A TOTAL OF 1.5 MILLION RAILWAY WORKERS, LESS THAN 10 PERCENT
WENT OUT ON STRIKE.

"I DO BELIEVE THAT GOVERNMENT SHOULD HAVE -- FIRSTLY, WE
MUST SAY THAT WE -- THAT I DONTBELIEVE THAT GOVERNMENT SHOULD
HAVE THESE THINGS (CONTROL OF DISTRIBUTION OF ESSENTIAL GOODS) IN
ITS HANDS. THATIS, THE DISTRIBUTION OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES.
BUT IT IS A QUESTION OF HAVING THE MACHINERY FOR IT, FOR DOING
IT EFFECTIVELY -- IT IS NOT A REVERSAL OF POLICY".

CORRUPTION AND CAPITALISM. "MAY I SAY A WORD ABOUT
CORRUPTION, BECAUSE IT IS VERY MUCH ON THE SURFACE IN INDIA NOW.
THERE IS OF COURSE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CORRUPTION, BUT I THINK IT IS
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OVERPLAYED HERE. THERE IS A TENDENCY IF YOU DON'T LIKE
A PERSON, THEN YOU PURSUE THAT PERSON AND SAY THAT HE OR SHE
IS CORRUPT. AS I HAVE SAID PUBLICLY, SOMETIMES THERE IS A
SHIELD -- IT SHIELDS
THOSE WHO REALLY ARE CORRUPT. A POLITICIAN MAY OR MAY NOT BE
CORRUPT. IT IS NOT A GOOD THING FOR HIM TO BE CORRUPT, AND WE ARE
DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE HERE -- WE ARE TRYING TO BUILD
A MACHINERY WHERE THINGS WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE LOOKED AT. BUT
EVEN BEFORE THE
MACHINERY IS GOING. WHENEVER WE HAVE ANYTHING THAT MAKES OUT
A PRIMA FACIE CASE, WE ALWAYS LOOK AT IT, AND WE DO TAKE ACTION.
ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN AGAINST OFFICIALS, EVEN AGAINST POLITICAL

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PEOPLE AND SO ON. BUT AS I SAID, WE WANT TO -- WE HAVE PASSED
SOMETHING AND WE NOW SEE THAT IT IS NOT ADEQUATE. SO WE MAY HAVE
TO, AND WE'RE WILLING TO HAVE THE VIEWS OF THE OPPOSTIONS AND OTHERS
ON THIS SUBJECT.
"A POLITICIAN MAY OR MAY NOT BE CORRUPT, BUT TAKE THE SYSTEM HERE
OF BUSINESS. THE SYSTEM ITSELF IS A CORRUPT ONE. I THINK IT IS VERY
DIFFICULT FOR ANYONE, ANYBODY, TO BE IN BUSINESS AND NOT BE CORRUPT.
ALL THE TIME YOU ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF SOMEBODY, AND IT DOESN'T
MATTER IF IN THE PROCESS YOU DESTROY THAT PERSON,
OR HIS BUSINESS OR
ANYTHING. YOUR WHOLE MOTIVE IS ONE PURELY OF PROFIT-MAKING, AND
YOU THINK THAT ANYTHING THAT HELPS YOU TO MAKE PROFITS IS JUSTIFIED.
THIS IS WHAT IS CORRUPT.
". I THINK THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM IS CERTAINLY A CORRUPT ONE. I DON'T
KNOW HOW IT WORKS IN OTHER PLACES-- THIS IS WHAT WE HAVE LARGELY
HERE. AND WE HAVE MADE SO MANY LAWS AND CONTROLS, BUT THEY JUST
MANAGE TO GET AROUND IT. NOW WE KNOW THAT MANY OF OUR TOP
BUSINESS PEOPLE DON'T PAY THEIR PAXES, AND WHEN YOU SEE
THEIR (TAX RETURNS) THEY DON'T SEEM TO BE EARNING ANYTHING
AT ALL. THEY'RE THE RICHEST
PEOPLE IN INDIA, BUT WHEN THEY DIE THEY DON'T PAY ANY WEALTH
TAXES. ORDINARY PEOPLE DIE -- THEY'RE PAYING WEALTH TAXES, THEY'RE
PAYING ORDINARY TAXES, BUT SOME OF THE BEST-KNOWN NAMES IN
BUSINESS -- THEY DON'T SEEM TO BE DOING ANYTHING MUCH. NOW -- IN
TODAY'S HUE AND CRY, ALL THIS PART OF IT IS COVERED UP ... WHICH
PRESENTS A VERY UNREAL PICTURE.".
INDIA'S IMAGE. "PERHAPS ONE OF OUR MISTAKES, AND AS I SAID
HE HAVE MADE MANY, BUT ONE OF OUR MISTAKES AND SHORTCOMINGS
IS THAT WE HAVE NOT GIVEN ADEQUATE ATTENTION TO IMAGE-BUILDING.
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(WE ARE ACCUSED OF BEING A FLABBY DEMOCRACY, BUT SIMULTANEOUSLY
RUTHLESS AND TOUGH, CYNICAL AND POWER-HUNGRY). OUR REAL ACHIEVE-
MENTS USUALLY GO UNNOTICED. ONE OF THE LATEST EXAMPLES (DROUGHT
WAS MENTIONED)..... HARDLY ANYBODY DREW ATTENTION TO THE TREMENDOUS
AND VERY SPECIAL EFFORT WE HAD TO MAKE LAST YEAR IN ORDER TO FEED
90 MILLION PEOPLE ... AND YOU JUST THINK OF THE FIGURES INVOLVED
IN TAKING DRINKING WATER TO LARGE PARTS OF THE COUNTRY
(130 MILLION TO RELIEVE). NOW THESE CANNOT JUST BE IGNORED WHEN
YOU ARE SEEING THE GENERAL ECONOMIC PROGRESS,BECAUSE APART FROM
-- OF COURSE INDIA HASN'T EVER BEEN AN EASY COUNTRY TO UNDERSTAND.
PERHAPS IT IS TOO DEEP AND CONTRADICTORY AND DIVERSE ... AND FEW
PEOPLE IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD HAVETHE TIME AND INCLINATION TO
LOOK BEYOND THE OBVIOUS. ESPECIALLY, BECAUSE IN OUR COUNTRY WE
HAVE THE BIGGEST SCOPE OF FREE EXPRESSION OF OPINION, AND ALL
DIFFERENCES ARE CONSTANTLY BEING DEBATED AND BROUGHT TO THE SURFACE."
COMMENT: HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT GOI PRESS INFROMATION BUREAU
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VARIATIONS FROM THE ABOVE WILL BE TRANSMITTED.
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